THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal to introduce a fast train between Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus and Ratnagiri due to operational and resource constraints.

(c) Does not arise.

Rail density

†3490. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the rail density in various States of the country;

(b) the efforts made by Government to increase Rail density in the States where it is very low as compared to-other States;

(c) whether there is any specific programme to increase density in the areas/States having very low density?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The rail density (rail route kilometres per 1000 square kms. of area) in various States of the country is given below:—

Name of the State/Union Territory	Route kilometres per 1000 square kilometres of area
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	18.92
Arunachal Pradesh	0.02
Assam	31.95
Bihar	35.89
Chhattisgarh	8.52
Delhi	137.71
Goa	18.64

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2
Gujarat	26.96
Haryana	36.12
Himachal Pradesh	5.12
Jammu & Kashmir	0.62
Jharkhand	24.35
Karnataka	15.55
Kerala	27.02
Madhya Pradesh	15.93
Maharashtra	17.96
Manipur	0.06
Mizoram	0.07
Nagaland	0.78
Orissa	14.64
Punjab	41.64
Rajasthan	17.06
Tamil Nadu	32.07
Tripura	6.14
Uttar Pradesh	35.82
Uttaranchal	6.45
West Bengal	43.45
Union Territory	
Chandigarh	67.89
Pondicherry	22.56

Note:(i) The remaining States/Union Territories have no railway line.

(ii) Route kilometres is as on 31.03.2005 (latest available) and area of States taken from the publication 'India 2005' by Publication Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

(b) A number of new line projects have been taken up throughout the country which on completion would add to the route kilometres in various States.

(c) No, Sir.